Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 25-34, as follows:

FIG. 3 shows a close-up view of the impeller 7 and an impeller retainer 8 as visible through the access aperture 5 according to an embodiment of the invention. The impeller 7 in this embodiment is held to the motor of the vacuum cleaner fan unit by a biasing **impeller** retainer 8. The biasing retainer 8 can comprise a clip, spring clip, movable arm, etc., that is retained on the motor shaft 9 and therefore retains the impeller 7 on the motor shaft 9. The biasing retainer 8 can engage a groove, slot, keyway, etc., in the motor shaft 9. Consequently, to remove the impeller 7, the biasing retainer 8 is disengaged from the motor shaft 9. The biasing retainer 8 can be accessed and disengaged through the access aperture 5. Likewise, the impeller 7 can also be accessed and removed through the access aperture 5. In this manner, the impeller 7 can be quickly and easily removed, and without need for tools.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 7-14, as follows:

FIG. 5 shows a baseplate embodiment according to the invention that includes access door features. The baseplate 4 in this embodiment includes two pivot points 52 and a fastener aperture 51. It should be understood that although two pivot points 52 are shown, other numbers of pivot points can be used, as desired. The pivot points 52 receive an axle 60 on a corresponding door 55 (see FIG. 6). The fastener aperture 51 receives a fastener **[65]** **64** that holds the door 55 to the baseplate 4, wherein the door 55 substantially blocks the access aperture 5. It should be understood that alternatively the pivot points 52 can be formed on the door 55 and the axle 60 can be formed on the baseplate 4.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 15-17, as follows:

FIG. 6 shows the door 55 according to an embodiment of the invention. The door 55 can include **[an]** **the** axle 60, standoffs 61, axle apertures 62 in the standoffs 61, **[a]** **the** fastener 64, finger depressions 67, and a belt holder feature 68.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 19-22, as follows:

The inlet portion 1422 further includes **[a]** **the** fastener slot 1430 that receives the fastener 1406. The fastener 1406 passes through the fastener slot 1430 and thereby retains the slide block 1420 in the slide flange 1401 (see FIG. 14). It should be

understood that alternatively the fastener slot 1430 can be closed (*i.e.*, it can comprise a hole or aperture).

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, lines 16-19, as follows:

Another benefit is that an impeller retainer 8 and impeller 7 can be easily accessed and removed. A biasing **impeller** retainer 8 on the motor shaft 9 allows quick and easy removal of the impeller 7 without need for tools. Alternatively, a conventional threaded nut 10 can also be accessed and removed.